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Agenda item 148: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.75)

Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.75

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft decision A/C.5/54/L.75 concerning losses of United Nations property in peacekeeping operations, which had been introduced on her behalf at an earlier meeting.

2. *Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.75 was adopted.*

Agenda item 133: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.61)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.61

3. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.61 was adopted.*

Agenda item 136: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.62)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.62

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.62 was adopted.*

Agenda item 137: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.63)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.63

5. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.63 was adopted.*

Agenda item 141: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.64)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.64

6. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.64 was adopted.*

Agenda item 142: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.85)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.85

7. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.85 was adopted.*

Agenda item 143: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.73)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.73

8. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.73 was adopted.*

Agenda item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.65)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.65

9. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.65 was adopted.*

Agenda item 145: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.66)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.66

10. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.66 was adopted.*

Agenda item 146: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.67)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.67

11. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.67 was adopted.*

Agenda item 147: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.70)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.70

12. **Mr. Ahounou** (Côte d'Ivoire) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.70 on financing of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti, which he had submitted on behalf of the Chairman following informal consultations.

13. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.70 was adopted.*

Agenda item 149: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.74)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.74

14. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.74 was adopted.*

Agenda item 150: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (*continued*)

Agenda item 172: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.68)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.68

15. **Mr. Park Hae-yun** (Republic of Korea) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.68 on financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, which had been submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

16. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.68 was adopted.*

Agenda item 151: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (*continued*)

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.71)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.71

17. **Mr. Crom** (Netherlands) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.71 on financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, which had been submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

18. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.71 was adopted.*

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.87

19. **Mr. Crom** (Netherlands) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.87 on the support account for peacekeeping operations, which had been submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

20. **Mr. Nakkari** (Syrian Arab Republic) drew attention to a translation error in paragraph 8 of the Arabic version of the draft text and to the fact that paragraph 10 still appeared in brackets in that version.

21. **Ms. Buergo Rodríguez** (Cuba) said that the first word in paragraph 8 of the Spanish version of the draft text should be "*Nota*" rather than "*Toma*".

22. Her delegation wished to reiterate its concern that proper procedures had not been followed in submitting the Rapid Deployment Management Unit concept to the Fifth Committee. The concept should have first been reviewed by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. She also wished to draw attention to paragraph 9, which requested the Secretary-General to take into account the mandate of relevant committees before requesting any human or financial resources.

23. **The Chairman** said that the necessary editorial changes would be made to the Arabic and Spanish texts.

24. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.87 was adopted.*

Prorated share of the support account and of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and amounts to be apportioned in respect of each peacekeeping mission (A/C.5/54/63)

25. The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.5/54/63 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy. The amounts to be apportioned in respect of each peacekeeping mission, including the prorated share of the support account and of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, were set out in the table annexed to the document. A corrigendum would shortly be issued, rectifying a minor editorial error in one of the tables. She took it that the Committee wished to take note of the information provided.

26. *It was so decided.*

(c) Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.72)

Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.72

27. **The Chairman** introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.72, entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232", which she had submitted following informal consultations.

28. *Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.72 was adopted.*

Agenda item 166: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.77)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.77

29. **Mr. Darwish** (Egypt), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.77, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo", which he had submitted following informal consultations.

30. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.77 was adopted.*

Agenda item 173: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.78)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.78

31. **Mr. Darwish** (Egypt), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.78, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor", which he had submitted following informal consultations.

32. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.78 was adopted.*

Agenda item 175: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.79)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.79

33. **Mr. Mirmohammad** (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.79 on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which he had submitted on behalf of the Chairman, following informal consultations.

34. **Mr. Ramos** (Portugal), speaking on behalf of the European Union in explanation of position before the decision, said that, despite its strong reservations regarding paragraphs 1 and 2, his delegation would join the consensus because of the urgency of the task at hand. Paragraphs 1 and 2 were not reflected in any other resolutions or decisions of a similar nature. Indeed, operational considerations relating to peacekeeping and the deployment of military personnel should have no place in resolutions such as the one before the Committee. The Committee should avoid such action in future.

35. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.79 was adopted.*

Agenda item 121: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.82 and L.86)

Analysis of the organizational structure and the personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations Secretariat (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.86

36. **Ms. Buergo Rodríguez** (Cuba), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.86, entitled "Analysis of the organizational structure and the personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations Secretariat", which she had earlier submitted, following informal consultations.

37. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.86 was adopted.*

Review of resource requirements for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event for Financing for Development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.82

38. **Mr. Kwok** (Singapore), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.82, entitled "Review of resource requirements for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event for Financing for Development and the Third United Nations Conference

on the Least Developed Countries", said that the word "and" after "trust fund" in paragraph 2 of Section A of the draft resolution should be deleted.

39. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.82, as orally amended, was adopted.*

40. **Ms. Buergo Rodríguez** (Cuba) said that her delegation regretted that it had not been possible to find a formula to finance all the meetings desired. It was concerned at the situation where established budget procedures for new mandates were not being applied, thereby affecting the implementation and quality of those mandates.

41. **Mr. Fujii** (Japan) said that the Committee should look for the resources needed from the regular budget and voluntary contributions.

Millennium Summit

42. **Mr. Halbwachs** (Controller), in response to a request for information on the costs of the arrangements for the Millennium Summit, said that the assumptions on which General Assembly resolution 54/254 was based had been revised after further review. The Economic and Social Council Chamber would not be reconfigured for the event and no media tent would be provided. In order to accommodate delegations and the media, it had been decided to delay relocation of the archives until after the event. Voluntary contributions would cover the public information activities planned. Thus, the additional requirements for the Summit should not exceed $1 million. Should it be decided not to provide coverage for the interactive round table, the cost would amount to approximately $850,000.

43. **The Chairman** suggested that the Committee should take note of the information provided by the Controller.

44. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 151: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (*continued*)

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.92)

Reformed Procedures for Determining Reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.92

45. **Ms. Buergo Rodríguez** (Cuba), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.92, entitled "Reformed Procedures for Determining Reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment", said that the informal consultations on the draft resolution had not resulted in a consensus. She therefore requested that further consideration of the matter be deferred until early in the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

46. **Mr. Chandra** (India) said that it was his understanding that the matter would be discussed early enough in the fifty-fifth session to enable a decision to be taken before the Phase V Working Group completed its work.

47. **The Chairman** said that she took it that the Committee wished to defer consideration of the matter to the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

48. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 118: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.93)

Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.93

49. *Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.93 was adopted.*

Agenda item 124: Pattern of conferences (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.83)

50. **Ms. Buergo Rodríguez** (Cuba), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, said that, regrettably, no agreement had been reached on the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

51. **Mr. Odaga-Jalomayo** (Uganda) said that his delegation was submitting the text of draft resolution

A/C.5/54/L.83 on behalf of Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania. In view of the 24-hour rule, it might not be possible to take action on the draft at the current meeting. He therefore proposed that the text should be submitted directly to the General Assembly for consideration by the Assembly in plenary meeting.

52. **Mr. Halbwachs** (Controller) said, with reference to the programme budget implications of paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, that paying the expenses of one representative of each Member State of the Committee would constitute an exception to the normal travel arrangements and violate the principles set forth in General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 1962. It would also involve an additional requirement of up to $152,000.

53. **Mr. Repasch** (United States of America) said that, since the draft resolution had programme budget implications, it was his understanding that it required review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions before it could be considered in plenary meeting.

54. **Mr. Halbwachs** (Controller) confirmed that, under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no resolution involving expenditure could be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it was accompanied by a statement of programme budget implications and a report from the Fifth Committee.

55. **The Chairman** said that, as it was not possible to submit the draft resolution directly to the General Assembly, she took it that the Committee wished to postpone its consideration to a later date, pending the issuance of a statement of programme budget implications and the related report of the Advisory Committee.

56. *It was so decided.*

57. **Mr. Nakkari** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that his delegation regretted that it had not been possible to adopt the draft resolution, as very little time remained before the session of the Committee on Conferences. It was disappointed that the committee had not complied with General Assembly resolution 54/248. His delegation hoped that it would receive the answers to the questions it had raised on that matter in the near future.

Other matters

58. **Mr. Medina** (Morocco) said that his delegation had objected to the selective manner in which information circular ST/IC/2000/33 concerning the 2000 competitive examination for Arabic Language Coordinator had been drafted, which would have resulted in discrimination against individuals without a mastery of English. His delegation had therefore submitted a draft resolution on the topic and had subsequently been informed that the Secretariat was in the process of issuing a revision of the requirements to include a working knowledge of either English or French. Morocco consequently withdrew its draft resolution.

Closure of the second part of the resumed fifty-fourth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

59. After an exchange of courtesies in which **Mr. Ramos** (Portugal), speaking on behalf of the Western European and Other States group, and **Mr. Hassan** (Nigeria), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, participated, **the Chairman** declared the work of the Fifth Committee at the second part of the resumed fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly closed.

The meeting rose at 1.50 a.m.